

## Office of the City Clerk BOARDS, COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS

# TUCSON COMMISSION ON DISABILITY ISSUES (CODI)

### **CREATED BY:**

Tucson Code, Sec. 10A-75, et.seq.

### **MEMBERS**:

13 members. The Mayor and each Council Member shall appoint one member; the Mayor and Council shall appoint 3 members jointly, the City Manager shall nominate 3 members for final approval by the Mayor and Council.

### **QUORUM:**

A quorum shall consist of 7 members.

### **QUALIFICATIONS:**

Mayor and Council appointees shall be disabled individuals; that is, persons who have a physical or mental impairment, which substantially limits one or more of their major life activities. Members nominated by the City Manager or appointed by the Mayor and Council shall be representatives of agencies and employers dedicated to serving the needs of the disabled or individuals possessing special expertise in dealing with problems of the disabled.

### **TERMS OF OFFICE:**

The term of those commission members appointed by the Mayor and individual Council Members shall be coterminous with that of the appointing elected official. The terms of those commission members appointed jointly by Mayor and Council and those nominated by the City Manager shall be for a term of four (4) years.

**EXEMPT FROM TCC 10A-134**: No

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### **FUNCTIONS:**

- (1) Act as the official advisory body to Mayor and Council on the priority of concerns faced by the disabled community of Tucson.
- (2) Work to formulate policies and recommend activities that address the needs and concerns of the disabled.
- (3) Work with City departments and outside agencies and organizations to ensure equitable delivery of services and initiate new ones that benefit the disabled.
- (4) Support and sponsor community programs and projects that promote public awareness of the problems of the disabled.
- (5) Serve as a liaison between the City of Tucson and other community agencies serving the disabled.

### **OPEN PUBLIC MEETING LAW REQUIREMENTS:**

This public body is subject to all of the provisions of the law. Records of meetings are retained by the secretary to the public body.

### **BCC TERMINATION REQUIREMENTS:**

This is an on-going board.

#### SUPPORTING DEPARTMENT:

City Clerk 791-4213

### **HISTORICAL NOTES:**

On April 9, 1979, Mayor and Council adopted Ordinance No. 4960, establishing the Commission on the Handicapped with thirteen (13) members. Seven (7) members appointed by individual members of the Mayor and Council and six (6) members nominated by the City Manager for final approval by the Mayor and Council.

On April 17, 1989, Mayor and Council adopted Ordinance No. 7174, which changed the name to the Tucson Commission on Disability Issues.

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On August 7, 1989, Mayor and Council adopted Ordinance No. 7264, which increased member terms from three (3) years to four (4) years.

On May 18, 1992, Mayor and Council adopted Ordinance 7820, which amended the membership appointments and qualifications. Seven (7) members appointed by individual members of the Mayor and Council, three (3) members to be appointed by the Mayor and Council as the governing body and three (3) members nominated by the City Manager for final approval by the Mayor and Council. Members appointed by individual members of the Mayor and Council should be individuals with disabilities. Members appointed by the Mayor and Council as a governing body or nominated by the City Manager should be representatives of agencies and employers dedicated to serving the needs of the disabled or individuals possessing special expertise in dealing with problems of the disabled.

On February 13, 2007, Mayor and Council adopted Ordinance No. 10374, allowing the Commission on Disability Issues to appoint a voting representative on the Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee. This appointment may be a member of CODI, notwithstanding Tucson Code § 10A-134(c).